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*See bold/red notes in below article. Hopefully this will be the start of cleaning up Halaco!!*

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Oxnard officials refine requests in push for stimulus funds

By Scott Hadly (Contact)

Oxnard Mayor Tom Holden described the competition for federal stimulus money as a "feeding frenzy," as local governments from across the country vie for their share of the almost \$800 billion.

Oxnard city officials are working overtime to put together the best package of requests they can. So far, managers with various city departments have refined a list of 29 requests that totals more than \$65 million and would create more than 300 jobs.

The logic is simple. While some of the money is doled out proportionally from President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, a big portion is handed out on a competitive basis, said City Manager Ed Sotelo.

Oxnard's list of requests has changed over the past month and a half as the city has learned more about the program, Sotelo said.

"It's still evolving," Sotelo said last week..

He expected the number of requests to grow. **An example is funding from the Environmental Protection Agency for razing the buildings at the former Halaco metals recycling facility. It is now listed as a Superfund hazardous cleanup site.**

**There is money in the stimulus package for Superfund cleanup, but the studies for how best to clean the Halaco facility have not been completed. Meanwhile, the old buildings on the site, which are structurally unsound, remain.**

**When they were in Washington, D.C., last month, Oxnard officials asked the EPA about funding to remove those structures. The response was positive, according to Sotelo, who expects to hear whether the EPA would pay for the demolition within a few weeks.**

In early March, Sotelo, along with City Council members Andres Herrera, Bryan MacDonald and Irene Pinkard, went to D.C., along with Police Chief John Crombach and Public Works Director Ken Ortega, to make some of their requests in person.

"We were there at the most opportune time," Herrera said last week, noting they got the "friendliest receptions."

The first request — for more than \$2 million to add 20 police officers as part of the Department of Justice's community-oriented policing program — comes after what Herrera and Crombach described as a "very positive response" from federal officials. That request went out last week, but a whole list of others are fast on its heels, according to Sotelo.

The list put together by city leaders includes 10 requests from the city's Public Works Department, split evenly between water and road projects. The Police Department has a list of five requests, while the Housing Department has three requests. Both the city's Fire Department and library system have two requests, and there's one request for a Parks Department program.

The big-ticket items include \$20 million for a water purification system for recycling water that will be used to recharge groundwater supplies, \$12 million for work related to the \$80 million Rice Road-Highway 101 interchange, and \$6 million for a new fire station.

The total federal stimulus package is \$787 billion, with \$355 billion allotted to transportation, infrastructure, construction, healthcare, education, housing and energy efficiency; about \$144 billion for state and local fiscal relief; and \$288 billion in personal and business tax credits, according to the California League of Cities.

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